

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 22, 2007

**Members Present:** Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chairman  
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Rep. Jim Bird  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Julie Fisher  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro

**Members Excused:** Sen. Dan Eastman

**Staff Present:** Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst  
Juliette M. Tennert, Fiscal Analyst  
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Allen called the meeting to order at 2:13 pm.

Dr. Andrea Wilko presented an overview of the Division of Indian Affairs. The Division provides information and referrals and is a liaison between the Tribes and federal, state and local agencies. Repatriation of remains is an ongoing project. The Analyst recommends an increase of \$10,000 in dedicated credits for the Division. The Division of Housing and Community Development administers appropriations for the zoos. Hogle Zoo and Willow Park Zoo receive funding. The Analyst recommends a base budget of \$1,498,700 for the zoos.

Forrest Cuch, Director, Division of Indian Affairs, distributed a brochure and a copy of a newsletter. Education, Health, Economic Development/ Infrastructure, and Emergency Management were topics at a Native American Summit held in August. Progress in the Native American Advisory Committee was reported. Repatriation is a top priority of the Division. Suh'dusting Technologies and other IT companies were discussed.

Craig Dinsmore, Executive Director, Utah's Hogle Zoo, introduced Jim Hogle, President, Utah Zoological Board of Directors, and provided a booklet for the committee. The past year's additions and programs were highlighted. A request was made for \$70,000 for a veterinary Fluoroscopy machine. The zoo will match with \$70,000. A request was made for \$20,000 for computer upgrades and \$56,000 for the ZooMobile Statewide Outreach program.

Dr. Wilko gave background information for the Office of Ethnic Affairs, the Homeless program, the Community Services Block Grant program, and the Emergency Food Network. This meeting served as a Federal public hearing meeting for the Community Services Block Grant.

Gordon Walker, Director, Division of Housing and Community Development, introduced Keith Heaton, Community Development Block Grant, Patti Benson, Public Affairs, John Hardy, Community Services Block Grant, Lloyd Pendleton, Director, Homeless Task Force, and Katherine Smith, Faith Based and Community Initiatives Officer and Deputy Director, Division of Housing and Community Development. A handout was provided for the presentation. The acquisition of grants was discussed.

The Homeless Coordinating Committee's organization was explained. The Committee's purpose is to coordinate all homeless planning and to implement the State's ten year plan to end chronic homelessness. Matt Minkevitch, Executive Director, Road Home Shelter, prepared a study of the clients at the shelter. The results were explained from the chart given to the committee. The chronic homeless make up 12% of the population and use 59% of the resources. The Housing First Model provides housing first and then provides help with other problems. Sunrise Apartments are being built to house the chronic homeless. The Pathways program started in August, 2006 with 17 participants. It was reported that this method is more cost effective and more successful for the client. Additional funding will allow for the expansion of the program. The Division has requested \$750,000 ongoing funds and \$1,000,000 one-time funds. Other pilot programs are being implemented to prevent homelessness. Noted was the Pamela Atkinson Tax Check Off campaign.

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman absent for the vote.

Luz Robles, Director, Office of Ethnic Affairs, gave an overview of past projects and events for the coming year. The Office works to bring State government and ethnic communities together. Information is available on a website, through e-mail and outreach education. A brochure and handout were distributed to the committee.

Pamela Atkinson, Community Advocate, reported on the progress made in preventing homelessness. Along with financial help, families and individuals receive education in areas such as financial planning and parenting. A community center is about to be built at the Rose Park Elementary School. The request for \$1,000,000 one-time funding will also be used to help rural areas.

Don Carpenter, President Elect, Utah Community Action Partnership Association, and Heather Tritten, Director, Utah Community Action Partnership Association, presented the annual CSBG report. This meeting served as a public hearing for UCAPA. The role of Community Services Block Grant funds and the work of Community Action Agencies to end poverty were discussed. The tax return assistance program was highlighted.

Catherine Leaverton, Citizen, told her experience of using the resources provided by the Family

Connection Center and what it means to her and families like hers. Needs of these families often remain hidden from family and the community, but can be relieved through help from the Community Action agencies.

Gina Cornia, Utahns Against Hunger, spoke in behalf of the Emergency Food Network. The number of households visiting an emergency food pantry has increased 5%. A request was made for an additional \$100,000 in ongoing funds. A brief report was distributed to the committee.

Tara Rollins, Utah Housing Coalition, spoke in behalf of funding for the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund. A request was made for \$1,500,000 ongoing funds to help increase the supply of affordable housing.

Betsy Wolf, Salt Lake Community Action Program, spoke in behalf of the weatherization program and requested \$1,500,000 in one-time funds. A copy of thank you letters received from recipients of the weatherization program were given to the committee.

Sophia Di-Caro-Goodick, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, provided the committee with a list of the Governor's budget recommendations.

MOTION: Rep. Mascaro moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis and Sen. Eastman absent for the vote.

Rep. Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.

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Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chair

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Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair